

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

MEDIA ADVISORY

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FREE VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITIES

Mass Vaccination Exercise Designed to Test Preparedness

WHAT: Free flu shots and pertussis vaccinations will be offered to volunteers who attend mass

vaccination drills intended to help the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) test its readiness for health emergencies and the need to vaccinate large numbers of

people quickly. The pertussis vaccinations are for people ten years of age and older. Pneumococcal (pneumonia) vaccinations will also be available to persons 65 and older or

those with chronic medical conditions.

WHY: In the event of a large-scale health emergency, HHSA would need to vaccinate thousands of

people. These drills are intended to practice the process of moving people through several

stations at a mass vaccination site.

For more information about flu shots, contact the HHSA Immunization Branch toll-

free at (866) 358-2966, or visit the web site at www.sdiz.org.

EL CAJON

WHO: Supervisor Dianne Jacob, District 2, San Diego County Board of Supervisors

- will be attending at approximately 11:00 a.m. Hundreds of Community volunteers getting vaccinated

County Public Health and Emergency Services Staff

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 East Douglas Avenue

CHULA VISTA

WHO: Hundreds of Community volunteers getting vaccinated

County Public Health and Emergency Services Staff

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. WHERE: HHSA South Region Center, 890 Oxford Street

SAN MARCOS

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*Note flu vaccinations are only for those 10 and older at this location.

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. WHERE: San Marcos City Hall, 1 Civic Center Drive